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## Philately as it Should Be.

NOTE.—In this column we shall publish each week discussions on "Philately as it is and as it should be," and hope that it may prove interesting as well as instructive and beneficial to the readers of the Weekly. There is room for great improvement in the literature and legislature of the philatelic world, and we will endeavor to point out the faults and suggest the remedies. We will be pleased to receive ideas and suggestions from any of our readers, and invite criticism. This week we publish "The Philatelic Press as it should be" and will continue the discussion on this theme until it is thoroughly discussed.

### The Philatelic Press as it should be.

There is undoubtedly room for great improvement in the quality of contents and general condition of the philatelic press of to-day. In many cases the contributors to our journals are amateurs who wish to spread their unbounded knowledge the wide world over, thus debarring intelligent and experienced writers from spreading their superior views and knowledge, for a first-class writer does not care to have his articles mingled with second-class or second-hand "stuff." Again, in most of our monthlies we find letters or notes from various parts of the country containing gossip on items that were news a month ago, of interest only to those that write them. We find very little matter that would tend to elevate the mind and line of action of the average philstelist. In the large magazines such as Munsey's, Strand, etc., we find interesting and instructive articles on different subjects properly dealt with by those capable of doing so. This has the effect of educating the people to the wonders and beauty of the world they live in. The philatelic magazine is the only source from which the philatelic student can gather the information which he needs to have in order to collect intelligently, and the object of our monthly should be more to educate that to gossip.

(Continued next week.)

## The Philatelic World In a WEEK.

Providence collectors have formed a local club.

On account of the change in currency a new issue has appeared from Gibraltar, the values now being denoted in English money.

Mr. R. G. Widdicombe has sold the rights and privileges of the Ontario Philatelist to Geo. Bradley of St. Catharines. Mr. Bradley will consolidate it with the Stamp Reporter.

Trouble is brewing in our D. P. A. over Mr. A. M. Muirhead's (the defeated President) recent disgraceful manifesto. The officers have demanded an apology and Muirhead refused it. What next.

The fourth annual convention of the Southern Philatelic Association was held in Knoxville, Tenn., Oct. 20. The report of the officers show the society to be in good condition financially and otherwise.

A few Montreal collectors are the organizers of a new society for Canada called the "League of Canadian Philatelists" a very unnecessary action on their part. Why not take hold and build up the D. P. A.

A despatch from Washington, D. C., says: The Post Office Department has ordered an innovation in the postal service by the experimental establishment of a "post office on wheels," to operate in the vicinity of Westminster, Md. The service, which is to begin very shortly, calls for the use of a postal wagon to travel over a designated route in rural districts. Mail boxes can be placed at some point on the route for every farmer living within a mile or two from the proposed route and mail will be collected therefrom.

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## INTRODUCTORY.

In introduction we shall make but brief references to our paper, prefering to leave the reader to discover its true merits and what there is in it worth the subscription price. In the first place we are here to stay and appear regularly, on time. We want to keep in touch with the up-to-date collector and are fully cognizant of the fact that to do so we must step lively. The collector of to-day wants instructive articles to educate; these he gets or should get in the monthlies. He also wants the news in order to be well and promptly informed of what is happening in the philatelic world. With the means at our disposal we have endeavored to make this first number neat and presentable and although small we trust you will bear with us and help us make it larger. The "Weekly" will improve in contents and grow in size in just the proportion that its patronage will justify and as we are growing we will try to present all the news as early and concisely as possible. By the New Year we hope to have our paper enlarged but it depends on its patronage, how large. Canadians ought to be able to support a good weekly as their representative and we invite the hearty co-operation of all Canadian philatelists in making this paper a worthy representative of Canadian philately. We want you to feel that this is YOUR paper and with your help we will make it a paper that you will be proud of. Now if you will help us reach this goal by sending in your subscription or advertisement at once we can promise you that you will not regret it.

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We wish to call your attention to our advertising columns. Read them over and you're sure to find something to interest you. Only reliable advertisers are permitted to use our columns.

About a month ago a few Toronto collectors met in Mr. J. H. Lowe's office and organized, and are now known as the "Philatelic Club of Toronto", with a membership already of fifteen. Since then meetings have been held weekly, the business transacted, being for the most part, connected with the organization of the club. At the meeting held Nov. 1st., the matter of suitable rooms for the accommodation of the club was discussed and it was decided to engage Room No. 29, Forum Building for three months, principally on account of the reasonable rental, the central location and the suitability of the room as a club room. After the business was dispensed with, the club's first Auction Sale was held. The bidding was spirited, and good prices were realized, resulting in a pleasant evening for all present and a balance for the treasury of the club. As there are several hundred collectors in the city it is expected and hoped that the club will experience a most successful winter.

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